
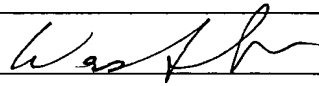


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on <small>(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)</small> ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 v. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449 <small>(except for U.S. patents and applications)</small> vi. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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